Information in respect of M.Tech courses run by other IITs is as under :-

IIT Kharagpur	: Environmental Engineering & Transportation Engineering.
IIT Bombay	: Environmental Science & Engineering. Transportation Systems Engineering and Remote Sensing Application.
IIT Kanpur	: Environmental Engineering and Transportation Engineering.
IIT Madras	: Building Technology and Construction Management. Geotechnical Engineering. Hydraulic & Water Resource Engineering. Structural Engineering. Transportation Engineering and Environmental Engineering.

Gopalpur Port

1321. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken by the Government regarding conversion of Gopalpur Port in Orissa into major port:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the time by which the said port is likely to be converted into major port: and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

International Conference on Afghanistan

1322. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had been invited to participate in the International Conference on Afghanistan, sponsored by the UN Secretary General:

(b) the name of the venue, other participants and the date of the Conference:

(c) the declaration or recommendations made by the Conference: and

(d) the salient features of the mandate of the Conference in regard to the UN role in restoring peace and stability in Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The venue was New York. Other participant countries were USA, Britain, France, China, Russia, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Japan, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

The conference was held on 18th November, 1996.

(c) and (d). In a summation of the Meeting made by the UN Secretary General it was emphasised that the message to the Afghan parties was the unanimous conviction that there was no military solution to the conflict in Afghanistan and that an immediate cease-fire and demilitarisation of Kabul should take place. The central role of the UN in peace efforts in Afghanistan was supported by all participants.

Central Road Fund

1323. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Road Fund is being utilised for construction and maintenance of roads in the country:

(b) whether terms and conditions have been fixed for dividing this fund: and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The allocation under Central Road Funds is made State-wise depending upon accruals, based on the actual consumption of non-aviation petrol in a particular State.

[Translation]

Construction of Dams for Irrigation in M.P.

1324. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects for construction of dams for irrigation purpose in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh sanctioned by the Central Government, the dates on which these were sanctioned and the number of projects under consideration of the Central Government:

(b) the number of projects not accorded approval and the details thereof:

(c) the time by which pending projects will be accorded approval and if not, the reasons therefor: and

(d) the number of projects not yet completed and the extent of amount spent and the time by which these projects will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 2 Major Projects namely Hasdeo Right Bank Canal and Hasdee Bango and 2 Medium Projects namely Ghonga and Bilaspur Diversion benefitting Bilaspur District have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in 1967, 1980.